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Eloquently Portrayed.

The following extract from the New York Nation portrays the condition of thousands of women in that city and elsewhere. It is a sad picture of a state of society that needs reforming, appeals powerfully to all the benevolent influences of the human heart. The Nation says:

There is probably nothing, not even the sack of a stormy city, which brings out the devilish and animal parts of some men's nature as the unchecked control of another human being's person and feelings does. There are thousands of poor women in this city, without friends or hope in this world, who have to listen to the ragings, and bear the blows and torture of tyrannical beasts, compared to whom Walworth was harmless, and decent, and merciful; and yet the world knows nothing of their sorrows, unless when, now and then, some unlucky blow terminates their misery and life together; and thousands of others terminate their lives in the same hell. What is the remedy for this state of things except the general elevation of human nature, it would be hard to say. Legal reform, few people would care to discuss who seriously consider the condition of a woman whose youth and health have been passed in hearing children, and has to face life without heart or hope, or training for any calling in which money can be made, and whose nearest friend has turned into one of those fendish enemies by whom no male human being is ever pursued in civilized society.

Charges Against Indian Agent J. A. Tonner.

The annexed communication shows plainly the good standing of Indian Agent Tonner, at headquarters of the nation. It is almost needless to say that the MINER has never had any good reason to believe in the truth of the charges made:

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
OFFICE OF INDIAN AFFAIRS,
WASHINGTON, D. C., Aug. 14, 1873.

John H. Marion, Esq.,

Sir:—I am in receipt of your letter of the 25th ultimo, stating that Dr. J. A. Tonner, U. S. Agent in charge of the Colorado River reservation, is accused by an anonymous writer of feeding more Indians than have ever been on his reserve; and, disbelieving the charge, you request to be furnished with some official information to silence the slanders. In reply, I have to say that no irregularities have been discovered in Agent Tonner's accounts showing improper issues by him to Indians or otherwise, and that the office has never had any reason to doubt his honesty and integrity. Very respectfully,
H. R. CLUM,
Acting Commissioner

THE SEPTEMBER MAGAZINE.—The Overland Monthly, Galaxy, Harpers, and Science of Health for this month are at hand, and are replete with excellent articles on various subjects. The Anti-Slavery Men of the South, The Mammoth Religion of the World, and The Carlists, are especially noticeable in the Galaxy. A careful and very interesting description of the Deaf and Dumb Asylum of New York, deserves attention in Harper, and there are several good articles in the Science of Health; but the paper entitled "Our Indian Policy," in the Overland, has been more interesting to us than any magazine article we have perused for many days. It was written by Rev. Dr. Patterson, a friend of Peace Commissioner Thomas, who was killed by the Modoc Indians last April, and thoroughly investigates and overhauls the erroneous and foolish treatment of Indians by the U. S. Government. The article covers thirteen pages of the Overland, and its tone is expressed in this sentence: "Mercy to the Indians, no less than honesty and justice, demand that we plainly inform them that henceforth Indian sovereignty ceases, and that all Indians are citizens, equally, before the law." If each of our Congressmen, and all our public men who are interested in our national progress, and the proper and therefore permanent adjustment of Indian troubles, would carefully study Dr. Patterson's ideas and act on his suggestions, it might be possible that they would unite in procuring a change in our Indian policy which is now our national disgrace.

ORGANS.—C. S. Eaton, general agent, at 138 Montgomery street, San Francisco, for Estey & Co's cottage organs, has sent us an illustrated catalogue of the organs, prices of which vary from \$150 to \$300.

Nebraska has a soup river. It that stream only meandered through Boston, how the charitable societies of that town would ladle it out to the poor.

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PRESCOTT, ARIZONA, SATURDAY MORNING, SEPTEMBER 6, 1873.

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Late News.

The Canada Southern Railway Company have been surveying for a projected bridge across Niagara river, for railroad purposes.

An enthusiastic admirer of Thiers, ex-President of France, has forwarded him from New York, a \$25,000 testimonial.

The siege of Berge, Spain, has been raised. In a recent battle near that place the Carlists were defeated, losing 90 killed and 300 wounded. The prisoners taken will be sent to Cuba. The strength of the Carlists in the north of Spain is estimated at 28,000.

A difference of opinion about a national flag for the French, has caused negotiations in the interest of Count de Chambord to fail. Central Pacific Railroad gold bonds are below par in currency in the New York market.

To-day (Sept. 6th), is the date fixed upon for the payment, by the British government, of the \$15,500,000 award. The wealthy men of that country are making the necessary loan.

Six tons of gold coin has been taken by the Treasury officials from San Francisco to the sub-treasury in New York.

Rev. Gardner Spring, for 63 years pastor of the Brick church congregation, in New York, died at that place August 18, aged 89 years.

Judge Advocate General Holt has returned to the Secretary of War the findings of the Commission which tried the Modocs. It is understood that his approval was affixed to the findings of the court. The papers have gone to the President for action, and upon whom there is a continued pressure for leniency by the Quakers and other peacemakers.

General Spinner thinks the list of Congressmen who will return their "back pay" will receive no additions hereafter. Ben. Butler's letter excuses or justifies everything, and they will stick to the greenbacks.

Calcutta advises state that a great flood has visited a large section of country in India. The city of Agra was submerged and 4,000 habitations were swept away. The crops for miles around were totally ruined.

During the year ending June 30, the money and securities redeemed and destroyed by the government amounted to \$144,783,962. Average daily destruction of fractional currency over \$110,000. Amount of legal tenders during the year \$65,019,067.

The notorious Bender family of assassins are reported to be fleeing toward Arizona. The detectives are in hot pursuit.

George Grant, of London, England, has purchased a whole county in Kansas for the purpose of founding a colony.

A San Diego despatch of August 22, says the schooner Johanna, from Santa Cruz, had arrived at San Diego with telegraph poles for the Arizona line. Superintendent Haines will commence building from the San Diego end immediately, and expects to have the line completed to Fort Yuma in two months, and the whole line connecting Prescott, Tucson and San Diego, by the first of January.

Henri Rochefort's fellow convicts on board the vessel in which he was shipped for New Caledonia, attempted to lynch him, and were only prevented by the strenuous exertions of the officers. Rochefort was accused of being a traitor to the cause of the Commune.

Another port in Japan—that of Simono-seki—will soon be opened to the commerce of all nations.

At a meeting of the Sunday School Union in London, Rev. Mr. Hartley, just returned from a tour of inspection, speaks in the highest terms of the U. S. school system.

It is rumored that the Pope will issue a decree for a reconciliation with Germany, on condition that the latter government will not interfere with the Italian complications.

An attempt to effect the escape of the Bank of England forgers from Newgate prison, in London, was discovered and frustrated August 22. Several of the wardens had received the sum of £1,000 to assist in contriving the escape of Bidwell and McDonald. The bribe-taking wardens have been arrested and are now in jail.

New York bankers and brokers are of the opinion that there still exists a clique to bull up gold, and that Jay Gould is the prime mover. It is said that Gould lost heavily last year and instead of being worth \$25,000,000, he is now worth but \$10,000,000.

August 10, Maurice Cahill, a carman, employed at the Chollar-Potosi mine, Nevada, was instantly killed by falling into the main shaft, a distance of 890 feet.

The last State census of Iowa gives 1,251,018 as the population of that State—an increase since last year of 211,709.

The commission appointed under the Washington Treaty, now at Newport, Rhode Island, have decided unanimously that Canada is not liable to the United States or to any American citizens, for damages from the St. Alban's raid or the Johnson's Island affair.

Washington despatches say an official announcement that the Modoc captives, Captain Jack, Scoochin, Black Jim, Boston Charley, One-Eyed Jim and one other will be hanged October 3d, for the murder of General Canby and Peace Commissioner Thomas, has been made.

The Steamer George C. Wolf blew up at St. Francis Island, Ark., on the 22d August, killing 12 persons and wounding 15.
Judge T. A. R. Nelson of the Supreme Court of Tennessee, died on the 24th ult., at Knoxville, of cholera.

August 24, a destructive fire occurred at Belfast, Me., destroying one hundred and twenty-five buildings. Loss estimated at half a million.

Kellar, who murdered his wife, Mrs. Boyd and her two children, at Twin Springs, was hung at Lacygnes, Kansas, August 21. The sheriff had secreted Kellar in the woods, but was compelled by the mob to give him up. He was taken under a limb, the rope adjusted about his neck, the wagon drawn from under and Kellar was left without a foothold.

A San Francisco despatch of August 22, states that the schooner Lizzie is in quarantine with small pox on board. E. J. Smith, a printer, on the voyage jumped overboard and was drowned. W. H. Smith, second mate, died on the 28th of June, of the small pox. Eleven men out of fourteen had the disease.

Two Chinamen in Dupont street have died of the small pox.

The Texas Republican State Convention have nominated E. J. Davis for Governor, and P. H. Taylor for Lieutenant-Governor.

The Kearsage, now at Mare Island, is to be prepared for active service.

The Secretary of the United States Treasury denies that any deficit exists in that office.

A New York despatch says the testimony in the case of the Italian children shows a system of outrageous servitude. The deputy marshal in two houses in Crosby street found 150 children. Ten or twelve in one room were found tied together with cords at the wrist. Some of the boys were branded on the hip and checks.

Sanita and Big Tree will attend a council at Fort Sill.

A Contract Surgeon's Experience.

One of our Corbat correspondents writes in a very ugly frame of mind enclosing a slip cut from the Roman Citizen, published at Rome, N. Y., all the material portion of which we publish, merely to show the manner in which erroneous ideas concerning our Territory and inhabitants are disseminated through the eastern press by reckless writers:

LEE CENTER, June 30, 1873.

To the Editors of the Roman Citizen:

In the Citizen of the 20th of February, under the heading of "Arizona Correspondence," I mentioned the fact that Dr. Henry R. Porter, son of Dr. H. N. Porter, of New York Mills, had engaged with the government to go to Arizona and join the army there as assistant surgeon. On reaching his place of destination (at Wallapai), he found it quite different from what he had expected, and instead of indoor hospital duties, found that the entire army force in that Territory was employed to hunt out and capture or destroy hostile Indian tribes that infest the borders of Mexico, and dwell among the mountains of Arizona and New Mexico.

Very soon the young Doctor found himself in scouting party, for a hunt of fifteen days, to capture the redskins or drive them from their hiding places. After one or two hunts he wrote to his father, and to Dr. Fraser, of our place, giving an account of his trials and hardships, and fatiguing marches, with their successful or unsuccessful attempts to quell the foe. In his field notes, sent to his father, he said: "It costs the government a very large sum of money yearly to protect this Territory from the murderous attacks and depredations of hostile Indian tribes, along the line and within the borders of Arizona—millions upon millions of dollars—and all to protect a few thousand people, many of whom are miserable vagabonds and culprits who have fled here from civilization, to escape merited and deserved punishment from the hands of justice."

In another letter to his father Henry says: "In the field near Camp Verde—I have just returned from a scout, after a fifteen days scout up the Verde river. You cannot imagine what a desert and lonely country Arizona is." He thinks it fit only to be inhabited by Indians, and then reflects upon some of the officers of the army, calling them "a pretty hard set; and that is one reason," says Henry, "why army life is not the life for me."

I have advised from Dr. H. R. Porter, bearing date "Rio Verde, on Verde river, Arizona, April 12, 1873." He is entirely satisfied with frontier life and an experience with camp duties, and says the soldiers are desirous of leaving as soon as they can. I learn by his father that Henry's contract with the government has expired, and he expects that he will leave Arizona soon, as he has been sent to the southern portion, where in the summer season it is very unhealthy.

Our correspondent thinks Dr. Porter writes too much on the Vincent Colyer style to be a good man, and is disgusted that such men while receiving Uncle Sam's pay should growl at doing the work they are paid for, and should abuse this country and its people in such sweeping terms. Then, as a small measure of compensation, he talks pretty rough about the young Doctor, saying that Arizona has been cursed and disgraced by too many such scoundrels, and while he pays a deserved compliment to the active officers and men who have done the hard work of the recent campaign, and to the many really able and enduring "medicos" who have been with them on field duty, he has no sympathy with such kid-gloved gentlemen as are looking for soft places in the army, and pertinently asks, "How the hard set of officers with whom Dr. Porter was forced to associate during his service in Arizona like his reference to them?" The MINER will only regret that such unpleasant things so frequently happen in this bad world, and hopes that, Dr. Porter's contract having expired, he is safe at home and will never have to sleep out of doors again or associate with such a hard set as the Indian fighting army officers in Arizona.

A Denver chap, who had interviewed the "tiger" more frequently than he had the throne of grace, recently became converted by Hammond, and while exhorting his comrade to follow his example, said: "If you do not accept salvation now, it is not for me that you are throwing off on, it is Christ you are 'bucking' against."

Salt River Valley.

[CORRESPONDENCE OF THE ARIZONA MINER.]

PHOENIX, Maricopa County, Arizona, August 29th, 1873.

The weather, during the week, has been quite pleasant, with the exception of an occasional blow which raised the dust and was anything but agreeable. Yesterday afternoon there was a slight sandstorm succeeded by a shower of rain, which laid the dust.

The usual horror was felt on learning of the butchery of Ed. Lumley. The two Mexicans who did the killing worked four days on the thrasher on Brannaman's ranch, on their way down. After leaving there they stole some bacon from a camp belonging to Chas. Carter, the first justice of the peace of Phoenix. When passing through Gila Bend, they helped themselves to melons from the garden of Wm. Four, but when discovered they offered to pay for them. The two are well known in these parts and should they ever again put in an appearance here, they may find it rather unhealthy.

GRAIN

Has not advanced in price, though the prospect is becoming more encouraging.

The mill of W. B. Helling & Co., continues grinding wheat, making about 12,000 lbs. of flour per day, while large quantities of barley are being shipped off every week. If this demand continues, the amount on hand will be inadequate to meet it. The most of that in store now is owned by those who are able to hold it for a good price. But little money has been paid for grain here this season. H. Frank is the only person who has been buying continuously for cash.

It was reported yesterday that a grain speculator was expected from California.

The shipments during the week, so far as known, were 50,000 pounds of flour by W. B. Helling & Co., to Ehrenberg and Prescott; Wormser & Wertheimer, two loads of barley to Ehrenberg; Dennis & Murphy, 25,000 pounds of barley to Yuma; T. W. Brooks, 80,000 pounds of barley to Prescott; H. Frank, 30,000 pounds of barley to Ehrenberg; Doc. Jones, two loads of barley to the mines. In addition to this, H. Manasse and M. L. Peralta shipped some flour to Wickenburg. Some teams are now down the valley loading with barley for Ehrenberg. A great deal of grain is shipped of which I receive no account.

THE MINING

Interest appears to be reviving in this country. Much prospecting has been done lately and several parties are now preparing to go out. Two parties are making arrangements to go to work with astras.

J. J. Hill and party, who lately returned from a trip through Black Canon, Big Bug, Lynx Creek to Prescott and thence home by the Hassayampa, Copper Creek and Walnut Grove, say that the amount of mineral wealth in the country through which they passed is immense. Mr. Hill had made arrangements to go down to Sonora to live, but has changed his mind since his trip, as he thinks Arizona is too good a country to leave just now, when his resources are about to be developed by railroads, &c.

DOWN THE VALLEY.

On Saturday I was down as far as the lower Mexican ditch, and on my way saw the new flour mill of J. M. Henderson, which has been so long under way and is not finished yet. Nothing lacking but the stones and machinery. The old story—enterprise without capital—and some person will step in and reap the benefit of the pioneer's labor. The mill is in a good location, with an abundance of water from the Monterey ditch with which to run it, and a commodious dwelling house stands near by.

The Monterey ditch was full of water, running with a good current. The Salt River ditch was as full as usual, with but little current. The Mexican ditch was dry, having broken through its banks farther up. This part of the valley is well wooded, fertile and sparsely settled.

ITEMS.

There was a rumor in town this week that a party of about 200 Apaches visited the station of Darrel Duppa, at Agua Fria, and made a demand on him for provisions, with which he complied.

Two suspicious looking Mexicans were lately observed at Wickenburg, who tried to run off some horses, but being watched pretty closely, they left the horses and skedaddled.

It is said that eight families are on their way to this valley to locate. If they are economical and will work, they will have a good chance here.

H. Manasse, A. B. Sexton, M. L. Peralta and J. Goldwater, who were here for about a week, on business, left for home on Tuesday morning last. Mr. Manasse took the river course and went by backboard. The other three went in the private carriage of Mr. Peralta, but, unfortunately, took the wrong road, missed the station and, after nearly perishing with thirst, arrived at Smith's mill, late in the night, on foot, one of the horses having died with exhaustion on the desert.

It is said that A. B. Sexton, on his late visit to Phoenix, brought to a successful termination a certain negotiation concerning the Vulture mine, which will forward the commencement of work thereon.

A. B. Sexton, while here, talked of buying a steam engine from Richard & Co. If successful, he will start a custom mill for crushing quartz at Antelope.

A private letter from the Gila states that a Pima chief was recently badly wounded near Phoenix. Have not learned how or by whom.

whom. It may have happened in the affray with Lucas.

J. M. Buck is about to start to Prescott with a load of sweet potatoes.

J. A. Parker will not begin teaching here on the 1st proximo, as I before stated. It is said that Gov. Safford has engaged a female teacher from Missouri, who is now on her way hither, to take charge of the school in Phoenix.

The trustees have started a school-house in Phoenix, 20x30 in the clear.

James Grant's new building is rapidly approaching completion.

An Italian was taken up yesterday for selling liquor to the Indians, and was fined \$250 and costs. He has appealed to the district court.

Capt. Calderwood was bitten in the hand by a scorpion the other day. An immediate application of remedies prevented dangerous consequences.

Melons are abundant and cheap.

MARRIED.

On the 28th inst., at the residence of the bride's father, by E. Irvine, J. P., Charles Lovejoy to Miss Mercedes Soto.

ACCIDENT.

On Thursday last, T. Barnum's little boy, about three years old, was badly scalded, and although no very serious results were apprehended from the accident, the little fellow died suddenly on Saturday. He was buried on Sunday.

Letter from Tucson.

Tucson, A. T., August 25, 1873.

To the Editor of the Arizona Miner:

Between the hours of 7 and 8 o'clock p. m., of Saturday last, the house of one Ygnacia, an industrious woman who has for years past made a living by washing and ironing in this town, was forcibly entered, while she was attending the theatre. Her trunk, containing clothing, some of which was not yet made up, and was intended for presents to some members of her family whose visit she daily expected, was emptied of its entire contents and thrown against the woodpile, while everything movable about the room was heaped upon the bed and set fire to. Upon her return from the theatre, she found all her earthly possessions a confused mass of cinders and ashes, beside which lay dead her little dog, probably choked to death by the smoke which, the door being shut, had no means of egress.

It is impossible that robbery should have been the object of the perpetrator or perpetrators of the deed, as some money and golden trinkets which the trunk had contained were found among the ashes. As far as I can learn the only thing missing is a new revolver which the woman kept loaded for her protection. As I could not obtain anything positive, and not caring to listen to the mere suspicions of the guilty party and the cause of the deed, I abstain from comment thereon.

Last Thursday night, about 11 o'clock, a steady, pouring rain descended upon this town with astonishing force, creating considerable havoc among some of the older houses in the southern part of the village and forcing several families to make a hasty midnight move, as disabed, toward the premises of their more fortunate neighbors. A part of the lively street kept by Mr. Leatherwood gave way to the wet element and fell in, happily without injuring man or beast. On Friday, the sky cleared off and we are now having fine weather, which encourages the people to put up their stands and booths on the court house plaza for the annual feast of Saint Augustin, which commences Wednesday night, and will probably make nights hideous with strains of impossible music for a week or two. In consequence of the recent rains the corn along the valley, which most farmers had almost given up on account of the long drought, and scarcity of water in the river, looks much refreshed and thriving well.

Tucson is enjoying at present a few creditable performances of a small company of Spanish actors, who have opened a temple to the muses on Congress street, and are drawing good houses. The acting is much superior to any performed yet in Tucson, and it is to be regretted that the whole of the company is not present and that the music is not at all adapted to the purpose.

Gov. Safford arrived here by Friday's stage, looking as healthy and lively as ever.

Yours, &c.,

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